## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

# OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

FILE P.I. #0008754

OFFICE Design Policy & Support

CSHPP-0008-00(754)

**Douglas County** 

DATE August 23, 2010

Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail- Douglas County Pilot

**FROM** 

for Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

**TO** SEE DISTRIBUTION

### SUBJECT APPROVED CONCEPT REPORT

Attached is the approved Concept Report for the above subject project.

### Attachment

## DISTRIBUTION:

Bryant Poole, District Engineer
Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Adminstrator
Glenn Bowman, State Environmental Administrator
Kathy Zahul, State Traffic Engineer
Ron Wishon, State Project Review Engineer
Jeff Baker, State Utilities Engineer
Jonathan Walker, District Utilities Engineer
Paul Liles, State Bridge Engineer
Angela Robinson, Financial Management Administrator
Angela Alexander, State Transportation Planning Administrator
Mike Lobdell, Project Manager/District Preconstruction Engineer

BOARD MEMBER - 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

## PROJECT CONCEPT REPORT

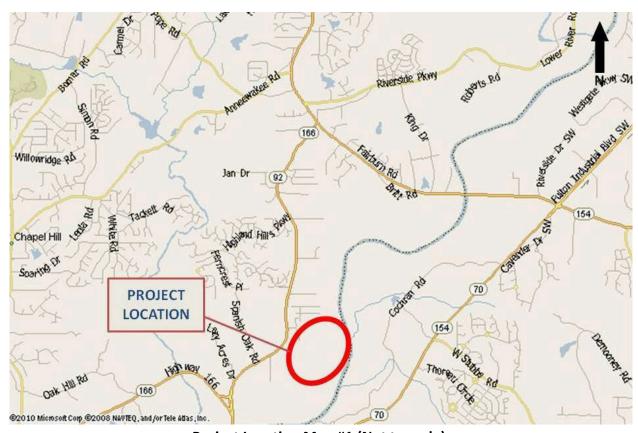
Project Number: CSHPP-0008-00(754)

County: Douglas P. I. Number: 0008754 Federal Route Number: N/A State Route Number: N/A

Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail - Douglas County Pilot

Submitted for approval:  DATE <u>(0 · I(a · I O</u>	Dara thire RSEH
DATE 6.16.10	Design Consultant Name and Firm Name (if applicable)  Local Government (if applicable)
DATE	
DATE	Design Phase Office Head (if applicable)
DATE 6/21/10	Office Head (Project Manager's Office)
DATE OF ATT TO	Project Manager
Recommendation for approval:	
DATE	State Design Policy Engineer
DATE	
DATE 8/2/10	Program Control Administrator Glenn Bowman **
DATE 7/30/10	State Environmental Administrator  harry Zahul **
DATE 7/29/10	State Traffic Operations Engineer Ron Wishon
DATE 6/22/10	Project Review Engineer
DATE 7/29/10	District Engineer Pau Liles **
	State Bridge Design Engineer (if applicable)
DATE	State Transportation Financial Management Administrator
The concept as presented herein and submitted f Regional Transportation Program (RTP) and/or the S	or approval is consistent with that which is included in the tate Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
DATE 8/3/10	State Transportation Planning Administrator
* Recommendations on file.	KKF

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Project Location Map #1 (Not to scale)
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Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail
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Project Location Map #2: Boundary Waters Park Detail (Not to scale)
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**Need and Purpose:** The purpose of the Douglas County Pilot Segment of the Chattahoochee Hill Country (CHC) Regional Greenway Trail is to enhance multimodal mobility and the quality of life for residents and visitors within the region. The trail will also be a valuable asset to the region, showcasing both environmental and cultural features. The trail will be accessible to the public and will preserve and enhance the natural environment for the enjoyment and appreciation of future generations. The inclusion of amenities such as signage, benches, and potentially a pond overlook area will help to create a unique experience for the trail user that will likely be duplicated in other planned segments of the CHC Regional Greenway Trail to create a true regional trail network.

**Description of the proposed project:** This project proposes to construct a new multiuse trail approximately 0.75 miles in length within Boundary Waters Park in Douglas County. The trail will be hard surface (i.e. asphalt or concrete, to be determined in design phase) and will begin at the existing trailhead in the southeastern portion of the park, south of the Aquatic Center. The trail will then travel south toward a Southern Natural Gas easement, then north toward the new Athletics Hub, where it will terminate at a proposed new trailhead. The trail will enhance the existing unpaved trail facilities within the park, providing a hard-surface (i.e. asphalt or concrete) trail for pedestrians, bicycles, and in-line skaters.

The trail will be part of a proposed 98-mile multi-county regional greenway trail system that will travel along the Chattahoochee River in Douglas County, Carroll County, Coweta County, Fulton County, and the City of Chattahoochee Hills. The regional corridor will enhance multimodal mobility and quality of life, and will help to spur economic development within the region. It will also likely include amenities and emergency response services.

Is the project located in a PM 2.5 Non-arm Because this project will provide an alto vehicle capacity, it is air quality exempt.	ttainment area?XYesNo ernative method of transportation and does not add
Is this project located in an Ozone Non-a Because this project will provide an alto vehicle capacity, it is air quality exempt.	attainment area? X_YesNo ernative method of transportation and does not add
PDP Classification: Major	MinorX
Federal Oversight: Full Oversight ( )	Exempt (X) State Funded ( ) or Other ( )
Functional Classification: N/A	
U. S. Route Number(s): N/A	State Route Number(s): N/A
Traffic (AADT):  Base Year: N/A	Design Year: N/A

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## **Existing design features:**

This is a new location project therefore there are no existing design features; however the project lies within an existing Douglas County Park, Boundary Waters Park. The park is a 500 acre facility that includes an aquatic center, athletic fields, unpaved hiking trails, playgrounds, and equestrian amenities.

## **Proposed Design Features:**

- Proposed typical section(s): Twelve-foot wide hard surface trail (asphalt or concrete), with three-foot graded shoulders.
- Proposed Design Speed Mainline 20 mph
- Proposed Minimum Radius of Curve: 100 ft
- Minimum Radius Allowable: 100 ft
- Proposed Maximum grade Mainline 4.5 %
- Maximum grade allowable <u>5 %</u>
- Proposed Maximum grade Side Street N/A
- Maximum grade allowable <u>N/A</u>
- Proposed Maximum grade driveway N/A
- Proposed Maximum degree of curve N/A
- Maximum degree allowable N/A
- Maximum superelevation rate 3 %
- Right-of-Way:
  - o Width: None
  - o Easements: Temporary ( ) Permanent ( ) Utility (X) Other ( ).
  - o Type of access control: Full ( ) Partial ( ) By Permit ( ) Other (X): N/A
  - o Number of parcels:  $\underline{0}$  Number of displacements:  $\underline{0}$ 
    - o Business: 0
    - o Residences: 0
    - o Mobile homes: 0
    - o Other: 0

- Structures:
  - o Bottomless Culvert: Estimated to be approximately 4 feet in height, 12 feet in width, and 40 feet long. Will be accompanied by handrail along side of trail.
  - o Bridges: None
  - o Retaining walls: None
- Major intersections, interchanges, median openings and signal locations: None.
- Transportation Management Plan Anticipated: Yes ( ) No (X)
- Design Exceptions to controlling criteria anticipated:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UNDETERMINED</u>
HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT:	()	(X)	()
LANE WIDTH:	()	(X)	()
SHOULDER WIDTH:	()	(X)	()
VERTICAL GRADES:	()	(X)	()
CROSS SLOPES:	()	(X)	()
STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE:	()	(X)	()
SUPERELEVATION RATES:	()	(X)	()
VERTICAL ALIGNMENT:	()	(X)	()

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SPEED DESIGN:	()	(X)	()
VERTICAL CLEARANCE:	()	(X)	()
BRIDGE WIDTH:	()	(X)	()
BRIDGE STRUCTURAL CAPACITY:	()	(X)	()
LATERAL OFFSET TO OBSTRUCTION:	Ô	(X)	Ö

- Design Variances: None
- Environmental concerns
  - o Minor impacts to waters of the US are expected and are currently estimated at less than 100 feet.
  - o No historic resources are present.
  - o No archaeological resources are present.
- Anticipated Level of environmental analysis:
  - o Are Time Savings Procedures appropriate? Yes (X) No ( )
  - o Categorical exclusion anticipated (Yes: Programmatic).
  - o Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact anticipated (FONSI) (No).
  - o Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (No).
- Utility involvements: Southern Natural Gas, Greystone Power (tentative- to be determined in design phase)
- VE Study Anticipated Yes ( ) No (X)
- Benefit/Cost Ratio N/A

Because this project does not affect automotive travel, benefit/cost analysis was not conducted. Automotive congestion and delay reduction are not applicable to this proposed trail project.

**Project Cost Estimate and Funding Responsibilities:** 

	PE	ROW	UTILITY	CST	MITIGATION
By Whom	Douglas Co.	None	None	Douglas Co.	None
\$ Amount	\$80,954.04	N/A	N/A	\$405,530	N/A

## **Project Activities Responsibilities:**

- Design: Douglas County/Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc. (RS&H)
- Right-of-Way Acquisition: None
- Right-of-Way funding (real property): None
- Relocation of Utilities: None
- Letting to contract: Douglas County
- Supervision of construction: Douglas County
- Providing material pits: <u>Construction Contractor</u>
- Providing detours: N/A
- Environmental Studies/Documents/Permits: <u>RS&H</u>, <u>Edwards-Pitman Environmental</u>
- Environmental Mitigation: N/A

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## **Coordination**

- Concept Meeting held 02/24/10 (Minutes attached)
- P A R meetings, dates and results. N/A
- FEMA, USCG, and/or TVA: N/A
- Public involvement:
  - o Public Information Session held 4/14/10.
  - o 10 total attendees:
    - 3 attendees support project
    - 0 attendees opposed to project
    - 7 attendees had no comment
- Other projects in the area: No impacts or conflicts between this proposed trail project and the following projects are anticipated because the proposed project lies entirely within Boundary Waters Park.
  - P.I. No. 721420, SR 92 from South of SR 166 NE to CR 140/Lake Monroe Road. This project is a reconstruction/rehabilitation project along SR 92 in Douglas County.
  - P.I. No. 0002101, SR 70, SR 154, SR 166, CR 4797 and CR 4798 Enhanced Recovery Area: This project is a safety project located along SR 166 in Douglas County.
- Railroads: N/A
- Other coordination to date: None

## **Scheduling – Responsible Parties' Estimate**

- Time to complete the environmental process: 5 Months.
- Time to complete preliminary construction plans: 3 Months.
- Time to complete right-of-way plans: N/A.
- Time to complete the Section 404 Permit: N/A.
- Time to complete final construction plans: 3 Months.
- Time to complete to purchase right-of-way: N/A.
- List other major items that will affect the project schedule: None

#### Other alternates considered:

• Alternate 1: No Build

This option does not meet the need and purpose of this proposed project. The No Build Alternate does not provide an added recreational benefit in Boundary Waters Park, and ultimately, the regional Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail.

**Comments:** As appropriate

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## **Attachments:**

- 1. Detailed Cost Estimates:
  - a. Construction including Engineering and Inspection, Construction Contingency, Fuel and Asphalt Adjustments, Right of Way, Utilities, and Environmental Mitigation.
  - b. Fuel Price Adjustment Worksheet
- 2. Typical sections.
- 3. Minutes of Concept Team Meeting.

Concur:	Director of Engineering		
Approve: _	Chief Engineer	Date: \$1912010	*

## **Estimate Report for File "CHC Trail"**

Section Mobilization and Erosion Control					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
163-0232	2	AC	283.12	TEMPORARY GRASSING	566.24
163-0240	10	TN	140.83	MULCH	1408.3
165-0010	1250	LF	0.43	MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TP A	537.5
171-0010	2500	LF	1.32	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TYPE A	3300
	•		•	Section Sub Total:	\$5,812.04

Section Earthwo	rk				
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
201-1500	1	LS	50000	CLEARING & GRUBBING -	50000
205-0001	2250	CY	2.96	UNCLASS EXCAV	6660
206-0002	2250	CY	3.79	BORROW EXCAV, INCL MATL	8527.5
				Section Sub Total:	\$65,187.50

Section Trail Cor	struction				
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
441-0106	5500	SY	22.53	CONC SIDEWALK, 6 IN	123915
500-3101	250	CY	362.53	CLASS A CONCRETE, BOTTOMLESS CULVERT	90632.5
515-2020		LF	39.37	GALV STEEL PIPE HANDRAIL, 2 IN, ROUND	0
550-2180	150	LF	21.7	SIDE DRAIN PIPE, 18 IN, H 1-10	3255
550-3418	8	EA	541.56	SAFETY END SECTION 18 IN, SIDE DRAIN, 4:1 SLOPE	4332.48
670-5620	1000	LF	9.48	WATER SERVICE LINE, 3/4 IN	9480
				Section Sub Total:	\$231,614.98

ection Signing, Landscaping and Amenities					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
636-1041	50	SF	27.23	HIGHWAY SIGNS, TP 2 MATL, REFL SHEETING, TP 9	1361.5
652-6502	4000	GLF	0.07	SKIP TRAFFIC STRIPE, 5 IN, YELLOW	280
676-1000	1	EA	1000	DRINKING FOUNTAIN	1000
700-8000	1	TN	349.47	FERTILIZER MIXED GRADE	349.47
700-9300	6500	SY	2.81	SOD	18265
702-0096	100	EA	20	BUDDLEJA DAVIDII	2000
702-0610	100	EA	14.68	LOROPETALUM CHINENSE	1468
702-0715	50	EA	278.1	OXYDENDRUM ARBOREUM -	13905
702-0828	100	EA	200	PRUNUS LAUROCERASUS -	20000
702-9025	250	SY	1.91	LANDSCAPE MULCH	477.5
754-4000	3	EA	250	WASTE RECEPTACLE UNIT	750
754-5000	3	EA	1250	BENCH	3750
754-6000	3	EA	800	BICYCLE RACK	2400
				Section Sub Total:	\$66,006.47

**Total Estimated Cost** 

\$368,620.99

Eng. & Insp. 5.0%	\$18,431.05	
Constr. Contingency 3.0%	\$11,058.63	
Total Fuel Adjustment	\$7,419.22	(From attached worksheet)
Total Liquid AC Adjustment	\$0.00	(From attached worksheet)
Inflation Rate 0.0% @ 0 Years	\$0.00	
<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	\$405,529.89	
Right Of Way \$	\$0.00	
Relmb. Utilities \$	\$0.00	
Mitigation \$	\$0.00	
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Grand Total Project Cost	\$405,529.89	

Date 7/13/2010

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Special Provision, Section 109-Measurement and Payment

## FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT (ENGLISH 125% MAX)

ENTER FPL DIESEL	2.89
ENTER FPM DIESEL	6.503

ENTER FPL UNLEADED	2.538
ENTER FPM UNLEADED	5.7105

http://www.dot.ga.gov/doingbusiness/Materials/Pages/asphaltcementindex.aspx

**INCREASE ADJUSTMENT** 125.00%

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ROADWAY ITEMS		QUANTITY		DIESEL FACTOR	GALLONS DIESEL	UNLEADED FACTOR	GALLONS UNLEADED	REMARKS
Excavations paid as spe Sections 205 (CUBIC			0.29	652.50	0.15	337.50		
Excavations paid as spe Sections 206 (CUBIC				0.29		0.15		
GAB paid as specified by the Section 310 (TON				0.29		0.24		
Hot Mix Asphalt paid as spetton under Sections 400				2.90		0.71		
Hot Mix Asphalt paid as spe ton under Sections 402				2.90		0.71		
PCC Pavement paid as spec square yard under Section				0.25		0.20		
BRIDGE ITEMS	Quantity	Unit Price	QF/1000	Diesel Factor	Gallons Diesel	Unleaded Factor	Gallons Unleaded	REMARKS
Bridge Excavation (CY) Section 211		48.59		8.00		1.50		
ClassConcrete (CY) Section 500	250.00	551.00	137.7500	8.00	1102.00	1.50	206.63	
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Concrete Handrail (LF) Section 500				8.00		1.50		

BRIDGE ITEMS	Quantity	Unit Price	QF/1000	Diesel Factor	Gallons Diesel	Unleaded Factor	Gallons Unleaded	REMARKS
Stru Steel <u>Plan Quantity</u> (LB) Section 501				8.00		1.50		
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Bar Reinf Steel (LB) Section 511		0.87		8.00		1.50		
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Drilled Caisson, (LF) Section 524				8.00		1.50		
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## **ASPHALT CEMENT PRICE ADJUSTMENT**

(BITUMINOUS TACK COAT 125% MAX)

APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS/PROJECTS CONTAINING THE 413 SPECIFICATION, SECTION 413.5.01 ADJUSTMENTS
ASPHALT PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR BITUMINOUS TACK COAT

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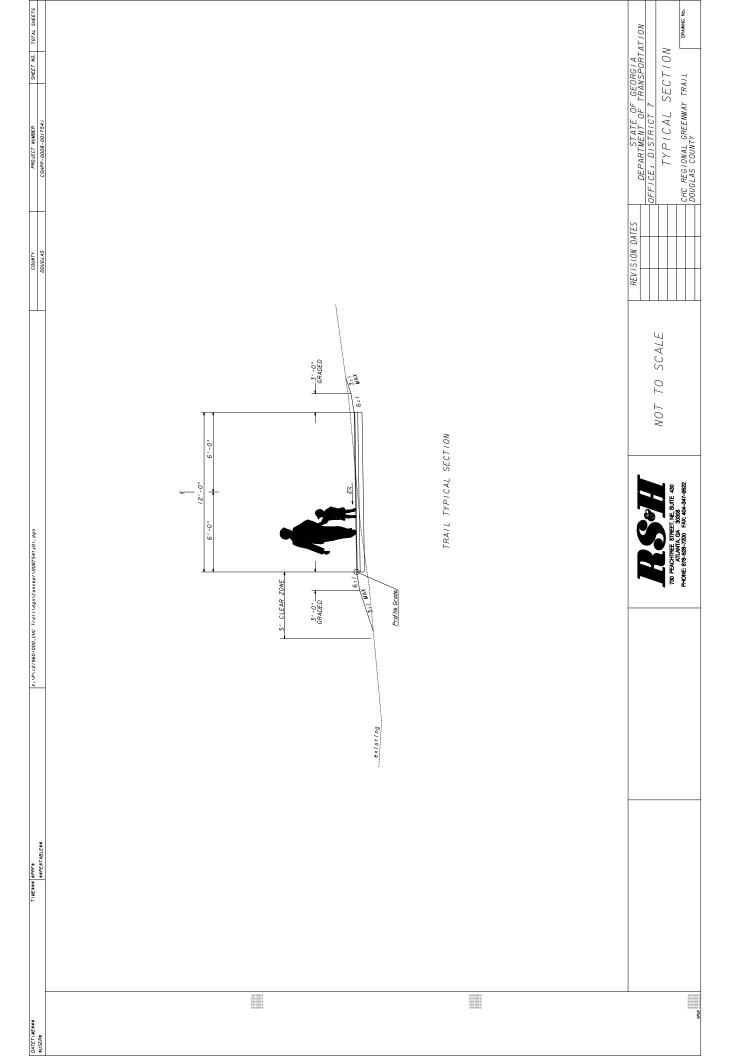
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# ASPHALT CEMENT PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR **BITUMINOUS TACK COAT(Surface Treatment 125% MAX)** APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS CONTAINING THE 413 SPEC. SECTION 413.5.01 ADJUSTMENTS ASPHALT PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR BITUMINOUS TACK http://www.dot.ga.gov/doingbusiness/Materials/Pages/asphaltcementindex.aspx ENTER APM 1091.25 **ENTER APL** 485 **INCREASE ADJUSTMENT** 125.00% **Use this side for Asphalt Emulsion Only Use this side for Asphalt Cement Only** L.I.N. **TYPE** L.I.N. **TYPE TACK** (GALLONS) **ASPHALT EMULSION (GALLONS)** TMT =TMT =**REMARKS: REMARKS: MONTHLY PRICE ADJUSTMENT(\$) ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY**

	FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT (ENGLISH 125% MAX)		
	DIESEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT(\$)	<u>\$5,831.08</u>	
	UNLEADED PRICE ADJUSTMENT(\$)	<u>\$1,588.14</u>	
	ASPHALT CEMENT PRICE ADJUSTMENT (BITUMINOUS TACK COAT 125% MAX)		
	400 / 402 ASPHALT CEMENT PRICE ADJUSTMENT 125% MAX		
	ASPHALT CEMENT PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR BITUMINOUS TACK COAT(Surface Treatment 125% MAX)		
REMARKS:			

TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS \$7,419.22



## **Meeting Summary**



**Date:** February 24, 2010, 2:00 pm

**Location:** GDOT District Seven Office

By: Sara Huie, PE, RS&H

Eric Seckinger, PE, RS&H

**Subject:** CSHPP-0008-00(754), P.I. No. 0008754, Douglas County

Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail - Douglas

**Concept Team Meeting** 

#### Attendees:

David Robbins, GDOT D7

Adrian Jackson, GDOT D7

Scott Lee, GDOT D7

Brandi Peck, Douglas County DOT

Gary Westmoreland, Douglas County DOT

Melanie Nable, GDOT OEL

Lewis Brooker, GDOT D7 Utilities

Max Laureneau, Comcast

Charles McKinley, Greystone Power

Ferdinand Henderson, AT&T

Billy Tucker, Southern Natural Gas

Miguel Baca, DDCWSA

Sara Huie, RS&H

Eric Seckinger, RS&H

Mac Cranford, GDOT D7 Planning/Programming Patrick Richardson, GDOT D7 Right of Way

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the concept of the proposed Douglas County Pilot Segment of the Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail, to discuss environmental issues and coordination efforts within the project, and to review the overall project schedule. The meeting took place at the GDOT District 7 office on February 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

## I. Welcome

David Robbins opened the meeting and stated that he is passing the project to Adrian Jackson. Both should be included in project correspondence. He noted that there is no right of way required on this project, and because Douglas County owns the park and will maintain the trail, no easement is needed.

## II. Introduction of Each Attendee

## III. Project Background

Sara Huie gave an overview of the project background.

## IV. Need and Purpose

Sara Huie gave a description of the proposed Need and Purpose.

Lewis Brooker stated that even though utility conflicts are not anticipated (other than Southern Natural Gas Easement), the Local Let Letter for Utility Certification and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Utilities submissions will still be required. He will provide a copy of the letter.

Gary Westmoreland stated that Douglas County is responsible for all utilities.

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## **V. Project Development Schedule**

Sara Huie gave an overview of the project schedule.

Gary Westmoreland stated that Douglas County would like to expedite the project as much as possible in order to receive stimulus funding. Is GDOT willing to fast forward the project to receive this funding?

Melanie Nable stated that a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) may be appropriate due to the lack of impacts. This would eliminate the FHWA reviews. She asked if the proposed footbridge would require any fill. Sara Huie said that no, it will not. It will be a small footbridge in the same location as the existing footbridge, only wider than the existing bridge. Melanie noted that OEL is currently swamped with environmental documents for stimulus projects, but will do their best to review this project in a timely manner. She stated that the review times for special studies needs to be added to the project schedule. Two weeks is appropriate for each, and they can overlap. She said that a 5-day turnaround to respond to comments for the environmental document is likely too short.

Melanie Nable asked about the durations for Public Involvement tasks and inquired why there is significant stakeholder involvement. Brandi Peck answered that in order to coordinate with other counties that will be a part of the overall regional trail system, representatives from each serve as stakeholders for this project. Melanie stated that GDOT will not be involved in the Public Information Open House (PIOH), but would like to receive copies of all public comments.

Scott Lee stated that the District will do their best to accelerate their review times as much as possible to keep up with the schedule required for stimulus projects. He noted that review and approval time for the Concept Report should be added to the schedule, approximately 30 days. He noted that moving forward without knowing for sure if the project will receive stimulus funding is a risk to the County. Gary Westmoreland responded that the County doesn't see it as much of a risk at all, because if it does not meet the stimulus deadline, the Congressional Earmark is secured for this project as alternate funding.

#### VI. Other Items

Billy Tucker stated that the Southern Natural Gas Easement has two lines: one running north and the other running south. The northerly line is in service and the southerly line is abandoned. He suggested that the trail come from the park, cross the northerly line, and travel along the southern side of the easement, then cross the northerly line again to go back into the park. This will avoid having a hard surface placed directly on top of the live line. The trail should be located as far from the live line as possible. He stated that it is a 24" gas line with 450 pounds of pressure. He stated that he will mark the line in the field prior to the surveyor going out.

Charles McKinley asked if there will be lighting along the trail. Brandi Peck stated that currently this is a contingency item, and it will be decided later in project development. Charles noted that because this is in a floodplain, poles or vaults would be required. He asked if permitting would be required. Lewis Brooker said their permitting would not be required because GDOT property is not involved. Brandi Peck stated that it would be required for the County, but it is really only in order to keep a paper trail since the County would be seeking the permit on their own park property.

Melanie Nable asked who is doing the environmental work on this project, and have they begun. Sara Huie stated that Edwards-Pitman is doing this work and has already begun. Melanie said that OEL could see the Environmental Document task being completed in 120 days, instead of 170 as the schedule currently shows. The de minimus will not be required because the County would essentially be using land from itself. She noted that a No Noise letter would be required, only a simple one-page document. She also noted that Edwards-Pitman should proceed as if lighting will be part of the project, in order to avoid having to add that to the project further down the road.

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GDOT asked for a schedule showing the project being completed by the end of October 2010. Sara Huie stated that RS&H will prepare this.

Sara Huie asked if the District is satisfied with the schedule, and if they could see any review times being reduced at all. Scott Lee responded that it takes 2 weeks to schedule the PFPR and FFPR meetings. It is anticipated that he can get a waiver for the Environmental Document at the PFPR.

David Robbins adjourned the meeting at 3:00.

### **Action Items:**

- 1. Lewis Brooker to provide Local Let Letter for Utility Certification template to RS&H. (completed)
- 2. RS&H to add time to schedule to account for Special Studies and GDOT Concept Report review time. RS&H to send a revised schedule showing the project meeting deadlines to meet stimulus requirements.
- 3. RS&H to send GDOT copies of all public comments once the PIOH is held.
- 4. Southern Natural Gas to mark gas lines in the field prior to surveyor going into field.